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Artist's first children's book wins national award

Janis Cox honoured by The Word Guild

Haliburton, Ontario, June 14, 2013 / Author and watercolourist Janis Cox has received the children's book award at The Word Awards, held annually by The Word Guild.

Janis was honoured for her first book, *Tadeo Turtle*, at The Word Awards Gala, held June 12 at World Vision in Mississauga.

"The Word Guild has inspired me to challenge myself to write," says the Haliburton, Ontario resident. "My knowledge of writing, editing and publishing has grown through the workshops, connections and advice I've gained at the Guild's annual Write! Canada conference. I continue to trust in God to guide my path."

Tadeo Turtle longs to be different. Through an exciting adventure involving fellow animals and certain danger, Tadeo learns to accept the way in which God created him.

Janis both wrote and illustrated *Tadeo Turtle*, a short story told in rhyme. She knows well the importance of creativity in a child's life and has included activities in which readers can create their own Tadeo from materials such as dough and rocks. Janis also features more activities on her [Creative Saturdays](#) website.

"My love of poetry began 10 years ago," Janis relates. "My first Write! Canada Conference in 2004 inspired me and I began writing devotionals. Now I blog on several websites. My painting went into overdrive when I created Tadeo. I could literally picture the story. The crafts come from my years of teaching experience."

In Haliburton, *Tadeo Turtle* is available at [Master's Bookstore](#), [MadeInHaliburton.ca](#) and the [Rails End Gallery](#). It is also available on [Amazon](#).

Author-signed books are available directly via the [Janis Cox website](#).

A retired small business owner and public school teacher, Janis Cox has been writing for 10 years and painting for six years. *Tadeo Turtle* is her first published book. She blogs at [Under the Cover of Prayer](#) and on the [Janis Cox](#) website where she writes about her life and how God speaks to her.

[The Word Awards](#) are held annually to raise the profile of Canadian Christian writers and to encourage them in the pursuit of excellence in the art, craft, practice and ministry of writing.

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